

In commenting, in former years, on the course of legislation in this Province, we have ventured to suggest that we pay somewhat dearly for our annual Statute Books, and we are inclined to think this year's volume will not be considered by any unprejudiced person to be any more worth its cost than its predecessors. Which of our politicians will have the moral courage and the personal disinterestedness to propose biennial sessions for legislation in lieu of the present extravagant annual sessions?

Reviews and Notices of Books.

A Legal Hand-Book and Law List for the Dominion of Canada, and a Book of Parliamentary and General Information. By LOUIS H. TACHE, Advocate. Toronto: Carswell & Co. 1888.

The editor states that his aim has been to present, in a concise and useful form, a variety of legal, parliamentary, and general information, together with a complete law list for the Dominion, the whole being compiled from the latest official and other authoritative sources. The amount of useful general information, much of which is of legal or semi-legal character, contained within the limits of this volume, is so great as to make it a valuable addition to the list of books of reference which lawyers have come to look upon as indispensable. Its contents are so varied, that it is difficult to give a complete view of the ground covered. We may, however, notice a few of the topics treated of. We find a list of the parliaments of the United Kingdom, extending back to the beginning of the present century, the date when each assembled and was dissolved, also the administrations, in Britain during the century. There is a list of all the British, foreign, and colonial possessions, the area of each, its population and chief executive officers, and also a list of the British and foreign ambassadors. The portion of the book dealing with Dominion public matters comprises some 117 pages, and includes such various topics as the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, its sittings, officers, fees, etc.; the Queen's counsel for the Dominion, revising officers, a list of the law reports of the different provinces, etc. Then each province of Canada is separately dealt with. The governors since confederation, the members of the Cabinet and Legislature, the officers of the Government, the Law Society, the courts and judges, local and County Court officers, registrars of deeds and their fees, registration divisions, barristers and solicitors and their residences, police magistrates, Division Court districts, clerks and bailiffs; the commissioners in other provinces for taking affidavits to be used in Ontario, and those in Ontario for taking affidavits in the other provinces, include most of the lists for Ontario. There is, besides, a synopsis of commercial law, the law of descent, etc. The other provinces of Canada are similarly dealt with. The indexes are full, being arranged both by topics and names. The book is an evidence of much patient industry, judiciously applied.